New Dispensaries under ISM&H

2855. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is functioning independently for expansion and development of Ayurvedic / Homoeopathy / Unani / Siddha and Naturopathy systems of Medicine in the country;

(b) if so, the system-wise details of the number of each dispensary opened by the Department since its establishment upto 30th June, 2000; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy has the responsibility to develop and propagate the recognised systems of Indian medicine which *inter-alia* includes upgrading educational standards, supporting intra-mural and extra-mural research, quality control of drugs and drug standardisation, encouraging the use of good quality raw material and helping to enhance its availability etc.

(b) Health being a State subject, State Governments and Union Territories establish dispensaries keeping in view their needs, interse priorities and financial resources.

(c) Does not arise.

Leprosy Eradication in Bihar

2856. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of leprosy patients detected so far in Bihar, district-wise;

(b) what medical facilities are being provided to them by the Central / State Governments; and

(c) the details of success of the National Leprosy Eradication Programme in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) The district-wise

number of leprosy patients detected in Bihar during 1999-2000 is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The following medical facilities are being provided to leprosy patients by the Central / State Governments:-

(i) Free diagnosis and Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) treatment facility through leprosy units and all Government hospitals and primary health centres in all the States.

(ii) Free supply of anti-leprosy drugs to all the patients for the required period.

(iii) Disability and ulcer care to the needy patients.

(iv) Grants-in-Aid to a number of Non-Governmental organisations for work in the field of leprosy under the Survey, Educations, Treatment (SET) Scheme under the National Leprosy Eradication Progamme (NLEP)

(c) The State has shown a steady decline in the prevalence rate (PR) of leprosy, which has fallen from 52.50 per 10,000 population in 1991 to 15.20 per 10,000 population in March, 2000.

STATEMENT

District-wise Number of Patients Detected in 1999-2000 in Bihar

S.No.	District	Number of patients detected in 1999-2000.
1.	Aurangabad	3694
2.	Bhojpur	2634
3.	Buxar	2210
4.	Bhagalpur	4161
5.	Banka	3438
6.	Darbhanga	5032
7.	Deoghar	2001
8.	Dumka	6063
9.	Dhanbad	4721
10.	Bokaro	3397
11.	Katihar	5284

S.No.	District	Number of patients detected in 1999-2000.
12.	Muzaffarpur	3263
13.	Nawada	2607
14.	Patna	6417
15.	Purnia	7714
16.	Kishanganj	2705
17.	Araria	6452
18.	Rohtas	4418
19.	Kaimur	3637
20.	Siwan	3757
21.	Sitamarhi	4472
22.	Sheohar	718
23.	W. Singhbhum	5465
24.	E. Singhbhum	7364
25.	W. Champaran	4626
26.	Begusarai	2766
27.	E. Champaran	3494
28.	Gaya	5099
29.	Giridih	2458
30.	Godda	2295
31.	Gumla	878
32.	Gopalganj	2776
33.	Hazaribagh	2123
34.	Chatra	502
35.	Kodarma	498
36.	Jahanabad	2786
37.	Khagaria	1817
38.	Lohardagga	474
39.	Madhubani	4516
40.	Madhepura	3440
41.	Munger	3805
42.	Nalanda	2946
43.	Palamu	1646
44.	Garhwa	755

S.No.	District	Number of patients detected in 1999-2000.
45.	Ranchi	5397
46.	Sahebganj	1070
47.	Pakur	536
48.	Saharsa	3072
49.	Supaul	3415
50.	Samastipur	2740
51.	Saran	2999
52.	Vaishali	1792
		172395/-

Malnutrition among Children

2857. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether almost half of the Indian children are malnourished; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to spend more on Public Health Policy to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) As per the India Nutrition Profile, 1998, 49.2% of pre-school children are malnourished.

(b) Government have adopted the following measures to improve the nutritional status of the population:

1. Availability of essential food items at subsidised cost through Public Distribution System.
2. Improving the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes.
3. Nutrition Education to increase the awareness and bringing about the desired changes in the feeding practices including promotion of breast feeding.
4. Supplementary Feeding Programmes such as:
   (i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)
   (ii) Special Nutrition Programme (SNP)
   (iii) Balwadi Nutrition Programme